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SUBJECT: FEDERAL CABINET APPROVES GUIDELINES FOR  
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1. SUMMARY: AT A MEETING OF THE FEDERAL CABINET ON MARCH 23, THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT APPROVED THE BASIC GUIDELINES OF THE REVISED GERMAN ENERGY PROGRAM. THE PLAN CONTAINS NEW CONSERVATION ORDINANCES IN THE HOUSING AND HOME HEATING SECTORS, NEW PROJECTIONS FOR ELECTRICITY PRODUCTION FROM NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS, PROJECTED INCREASES IN PRIMARY ENERGY CONSUMPTION AND ELECTRICITY CONSUMPTION TO 1985, AND PROJECTIONS FOR OIL IMPORTS. THE ENERGY PROGRAM LAYS PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON NUCLEAR ENERGY, WHICH IS DESCRIBED AS INDISPENSABLE IN MEETING GERMANY'S LONG-TERM ENERGY  
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NEEDS. END SUMMARY.

2. IN ADVANCE OF PRESENTING THE SECOND REVISION OF THE GERMAN ENERGY PROGRAM, ECONOMICS MINISTER FRIDERICHs PROPOSED GUIDELINES FOR GERMAN ENERGY POLICY IN THE PERIOD UP TO 1985. THESE GUIDELINES WERE APPROVED BY THE CABINET AND WILL FORM THE BASIS FOR

THE GOVERNMENT'S POSITION FOR THE BUNDESTAG DEBATE ON ENERGY, WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE AFTER EASTER.

3. THE GUIDELINES EMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF NUCLEAR ENERGY, NOTING THAT BOTH AN ENERGY GAP AND LOWER ECONOMIC GROWTH TOGETHER WITH HIGHER UNEMPLOYMENT ARE POSSIBLE IF MORE NUCLEAR ENERGY IS NOT AVAILABLE BY 1985. THE CABINET NOW IS PROJECTING A TOTAL OUTPUT OF NUCLEAR ENERGY OF 30,000 MW BY 1985, OR 13 PERCENT OF TOTAL ENERGY PRODUCTION (VS. TWO PERCENT NOW). THE 30,000 MW PROJECTION REPRESENTS YET ANOTHER REDUCTION IN THE GOVERNMENT'S ANTICIPATED ONLINE NUCLEAR PLANT CAPACITY IN 1985.

4. A REDUCTION OF THE OIL SHARE IN ENERGY CONSUMPTION IS ALSO EXPECTED (FROM 52 TO 45 PERCENT BY 1985), BUT THE REDUCTION IS SMALLER THAN PREVIOUSLY ANTICIPATED.

5. PRIMARY ENERGY CONSUMPTION IS EXPECTED TO INCREASE AT A 3.6 PERCENT ANNUAL RATE BETWEEN NOW AND 1985, REACHING A TOTAL OF 500 MILLION TONS SKE. ELECTRICITY CONSUMPTION IS EXPECTED TO INCREASE AT A 6.2 PERCENT ANNUAL RATE. THESE PROJECTIONS ARE PREDICATED ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT GNP GROWS APPROXIMATELY 4 PERCENT PER YEAR.

6. ENERGY CONSERVATION ORDINANCES WERE ANNOUNCED FOR THE HOUSING AND HOME HEATING SECTORS. WITH RESPECT TO HOUSING CONSTRUCTION, NEW REGULATIONS  
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WILL BE PROMULGATED WHICH SET STANDARDS FOR HEATING LOSS IN THE EXTERIOR STRUCTURE OF HOMES. TWO OTHER ORDINANCES WILL REGULATE THE CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION, AND MAINTENANCE OF HOME HEATERS AND FURNACES. THESE MEASURES ARE EXPECTED TO SAVE 150 MILLION TONS SKE BY 1985.

7. COMMENT: AS EXPECTED, THE CABINET APPROVED THE CONTINUED COMMITMENT BY THE FRG TO NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS. IN ITS PROJECTIONS FOR 1985, THE CABINET HAS ADMITTED THAT NUCLEAR GENERATED POWER WILL NOT REACH THE LEVEL PREVIOUSLY ANTICIPATED; NONETHELESS, A STRONG COMMITMENT TO NUCLEAR DEVELOPMENT STILL EXISTS. IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT THE NEW 30,000 MW TARGET CAN BE REACHED, AND THIS RAISES QUESTIONS REGARDING THE PROJECTED REDUCTION IN DEPENDENCE UPON OIL. IN OUR VIEW, THE GOVERNMENT'S ASSESSMENT OF THE ENERGY SITUATION IS TOO OPTIMISTIC AND WE EXPECT A ROUGH TIME FOR THE COALITION IN THE UPCOMING ENERGY DEBATE. END COMMENT.

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